



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Code Enforcement

CODE INTERPRETATION

Mechanical/Plumbing

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Code Chapter Reference: Policy
Subject: Dumpster Area Drains
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Background:

We regularly receive projects that want to provide a drain in the dumpster pad. While this provides an out of sight place of disposal for drippings from the dumpster/compactor, it present concerns. If the drain was allowed to go to the storm drain system, any drippings/waste would end up being deposited into creeks or other waterways. If the drain was allowed to go to the sanitary sewer system, the excess rain water could overburden the processing facility.

Interpretation:

No dumpster pad shall have a drain within it that connects to the storm drain system. The closest storm drain in the parking lot shall be a minimum of 20 feet from the dumpster pad.

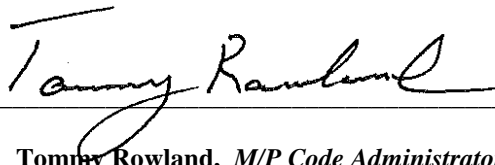
If a drain is provided in the pad:

- It must connect to a sanitary sewer line on the premises via a grease interceptor.
- To prevent rain water from entering the drain, the entire pad area must be under cover and the area surrounding the pad must slope away from the pad. It is the designer or contractor's responsibility to obtain the access and height requirements of the cover from the dumpster provider.
- The pad itself must slope toward the interior drain.

Note: The term "dumpster" includes compactors

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